

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). An apparatus comprising:

first and second connectors, each of said connectors being adapted for connection to a computer;

a communications router operatively situated between the first and second connectors for enabling communications between a computer connected to the first connector and another computer connected to the second connector;

a nonvolatile memory operatively situated between the first and second connectors and associated with the communications router, said memory storing a driver for the communications router and a software load to be installed on a target computer to which either the first connector or the second connector is connected, wherein said driver and said software load are installed on the target computer from the nonvolatile memory in response to connecting the first or second connector to the target computer.

Claim 2 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the software load comprises a user interface for guiding a user to transfer files from a computer to which the first connector is connected to another computer to which the second connector is connected.

Claim 3 (original). The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the software load comprises a setup program for installing the user interface.

Claim 4 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the software load comprises a game.

Claim 5 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the connectors comprise universal serial bus (USB) connectors.

Claim 6 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the driver for the communications router causes the communications router to appear as a USB network connection to a computer to which either the first connector or the second connector is connected.

Claim 7 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the nonvolatile memory appears as an autorun device to a computer to which either the first connector or the second connector is connected.

Claim 8 (currently amended). A method of performing a computer setup comprising:

operatively connecting [[a]] ~~an integrated hardware device between two computers, said device comprising~~ a communications router and a nonvolatile memory ~~between two computers~~;
initiating an autorun function by at least one of the computers ~~in response to connecting said device thereto~~;

loading a driver for the communications router ~~from the nonvolatile memory of the integrated hardware device~~ to at least one of the computers in response to the autorun function,
said driver residing in the nonvolatile memory;

enabling communication between the computers via the communications router of the integrated hardware device connected therebetween after loading of the driver;

installing setup software ~~from the nonvolatile memory of the integrated hardware device~~
to at least one of the computers via the communications router, said setup software also residing in the nonvolatile memory.

Claim 9 (original). The method of claim 8, wherein initiating the autorun function includes permitting the nonvolatile memory to be detected as a new hardware device.

Claim 10 (original). The method of claim 8, wherein the setup software comprises a user interface for guiding a user to transfer files between the two computers.

Claim 11 (original). The method of claim 10, wherein the setup software comprises an installer for installing the user interface.

Claim 12 (original). The method of claim 10, wherein the user interface comprises a migration utility for guiding the user to migrate files from one of the computers to the other one of the computers via the communications router.

Claim 13 (original). The method of claim 8, further comprising operatively situating the nonvolatile memory and the communications router between a pair of universal serial bus (USB) connectors, and wherein operatively connecting the nonvolatile memory and the communications router includes connecting the USB connectors to corresponding USB ports on the computers.

Claim 14 (original). The method of claim 8, wherein the driver for the communications router causes the communications router to appear as a USB network connection to the computers.

Claim 15 (original). The method of claim 8, wherein initiating the autorun function comprises showing the nonvolatile memory as a CD-ROM device to the computers.

Claim 16 (original). The method of claim 8, further comprising communicating between the computers via the communications router.

Claim 17 (original). The method of claim 8, wherein initiating the autorun function and loading the driver is performed using plug and play technology.

Claim 18 (original). The method of claim 8, further comprising timing out after a predetermined period of time if a connection to only one of the computers is detected.

Claim 19 (original). One or more computer-readable media have computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 8.

Claim 20 (currently amended). One or more computer-readable storage media comprising:
a driver for a communications router;
a user interface for guiding a user to transfer files from one computer to another computer

via the communications router; and

a setup program for automatically installing the user interface, wherein the computer readable media and the communications router are operatively connected between a first connector and a second connector, each of said connectors being adapted for connection to a computer, and wherein a target computer automatically installs the driver on the target computer and the setup program automatically installs the user interface on the target computer in response to connecting the first or second connector to the target computer.

Claim 21 (original). The computer-readable media of claim 20, wherein the driver for the communications router causes the communications router to appear as a universal serial bus (USB) network connection to a computer.

Claim 22 (original). The computer-readable media of claim 20, wherein the setup program resides on a nonvolatile memory and further comprising autorun information for identifying the nonvolatile memory as a CD-ROM device for automatically launching the setup program.

Claim 23 (original). The computer-readable media of claim 20, wherein the user interface comprises a migration utility for guiding the user through a file migration.